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# REVIEW

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# BRITISH NATION.

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Saturday, March 4. 1710.

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**W**ELL, Gentlemen, now the Physick works—Now the Riddle is expounded, now *High Church* Paradoxes are explain'd—But of all the Paradoxes that ever came upon the Stage, this is One of the oddest and most absurd—Pray, let us know what to call it?

Rebellion to defend *Non-Resistance*. Rabble and Mob, by Way of *Passive-Obedience*. What Name must we give it—What Foundation must it have? I really can see no Original for it, but what we find in the late famous *High-Church* Memorial, *Nature* against *Principle*—As for Dr. *Sacheverell*, honest Man, he can have no Hand in it, unless GOD has forsaken him and his Sen- ses too; for he adheres to the Doctrine of

*Non-Resistance*—and says, he trusts, GOD will assist him to suffer for it with Meek- nesses, &c. That was honestly spoken enough, there's not a Word of Mob or Rabble in that.

Well, let who will be in it, who will be for it, or whatever be the Occasion, the Fact is true. *March 1. 1709*. It stands upon Record, That the Rabble being encourag'd for two or three Days by the *Dollar* and his Friends, to wait upon him to and from *Westminster* in Cavalcade, more like an Ambassador of State, than a Criminal going to the Bar of Justice: After they had hous'd the *Dollar* in great Mob-Pomp, and had shouted before his Door for some time, they separated themselves into several

several Bodies, as if detach'd by Command of their Directors, and went directly to the *Dissenting* Meeting-Houses, broke open seven Meeting-Houses, and pulling down the Pulpits, Pews, Galleries, Windows, and every Thing they could demolish, carry'd them out into the Streets, and burnt them; besides this, they broke open and rifled the Dwelling-Houses of two *Dissenting* Ministers, Mr. *Burgefs*, and Mr. *Earl*, carry'd away or destroy'd their Goods, Books, &c. and with much ado were prevented Burning One of their Houses.

And now, Gentlemen, you see, what the *Shortest Way* with the *Dissenters* so long ago warn'd you of, was: Here is another Exemplification of Dr. *Sacbeverell's* Bloody Flag.—The *Dissenters* and *Low-Church*, for their Interest is the same, may in this Miniature see plainly what they are to expect, and what the true Meaning of the *Non-Resistance* Doctrine is.

Blinded Nation! Will you now open your Eyes? — Now are your Swearing *Jacobites*, *Anglicæ*, *High-Flyers*, *Hypocrites* or no? — Now they are discover'd, and the Mask is thrown off; and I doubt not, the Gallows will detect some. Now you may see, Gentlemen of the *Low-Church*, what the Mischief has been of permitting the *High-Flying* Madness both in Pulpit and in Print so long.—You see what they have preach'd, harangu'd, and rehears'd the poor innocent People into—And yet they have gone unpunish'd, while those that have ventur'd to defend Liberty, Truth, and the Constitution, meet with all possible Discouragement, even from those they strive to support.

And a Word now, for I can speak but to *Generals*, to you Gentlemen *Dissenters*, who thinking the Game your own, and that all was secure on your Side, had long slighted the offer'd Assistance of your Friends, and dismiss'd your Volunteers; now you may see, you were not so much out of Danger as you thought of.—And that you have still Occasion to be vigilant and careful, being surrounded with an implacable Party, that have sworn your Ruin, and if they had Power, would mingle your Blood with your Sacrifices.

But I cannot enlarge on this; I shall speak to some Consequences that may be apprehended from this Tumult, and of the Means of inverting the Design of the Authors, so to bring Good out of all this Evil.

The first Mischief apprehended from it is, That the Report of it handed swiftly into the Countries, and spread by the Party, with their usual Art of magnifying Things, and keeping back just Circumstances, should be a leading Card to all the Towns in *England*, and that the *Dissenters* shall be mobb'd all over the Nation—Thus at the Massacre at *Paris*, as soon as the Example of the Capital was known, they fell upon the Protestants in all Places, and fill'd the whole Kingdom with Blood and Confusion.

But, Gentlemen, there are some Remedies for this too, unless the Concert of the Party is very swift; and I doubt not, but suitable Measures are taken by the Government to prevent it, or if not, to punish the Neglect of it—And if any Magistrates are remiss in their Duty in that Point, and do not preserve the Peace of the Towns they rule in, they may be assur'd, the Government will expect, they shall answer for the Consequences.

The second Mischief apprehended from it is, That it should influence the Negotiations now on Foot abroad, either by possessing Friends or Enemies, with a Belief of the Strength of the *Jacobite* Party in *England*, that the People are on their Side, and that they are only under the Restraint of the present Power, otherwise they would appear publicly for the Pretender.

I hope, the Circumstances of the *French* at this time will not give them leave to take hold of this Advantage, if it were real—And in the mean time it is every honest Man's Duty, and shall be my Business, to open the deluded Peoples Eyes, and the Enemy will then see himself deceiv'd.

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And now I am talking of the delude People, it reminds me, that it cannot be improper to turn our selves to these poor innocent Criminals, the Rabble, and let them see what they are doing, for nothing is so certain, as that they know not what they are about— And I dare say, did the same very Rabble, that have been drawn into this Folly, know clearly the Crime, for which Dr. *Sasbeverell* stands impeach'd, and the Design He and his Party are carrying on against the Q U E E N, and the

establish'd Government, the Revolution-Principle and the Protestant Succession, they would more chearfully huzza him to the Gallows, than they do now to his Trial. And to this Purpose, I shall apply my self next to the said Gentlemen of the Canale, Monsieur *Le Mob*; and who knows, but they may learn to see their Friends from their Foes again, for they have not always been blind, nor will they for ever be so.

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But really, Gentlemen, you *sin* so fast, and crowd us so with your Crimes, that this Week our Office, which is but yet young in its Business, cannot settle the Rates fast enough for you; and therefore that no Body may be deceiv'd, and venture upon Crimes, that have no Capital Punishments attending them, upon Presumption that our Licenses shall excuse them, it is absolutely necessary to advertise them, that till the Office is settled, and the Rates fix'd for Capital Crimes, all Things stand upon the same Foot they did before— So that if a Man goes a Mobbing a Meeting-house, and be found Hand-napping, as they call it in *Yorkshire*, pulling down Pews, or rising a *Dissenting* Ministers House, tho' the *Ass* be meritorious in it self, without question, and as soon as our Laws are settled, he might come off better; yet for the present he must be content to be hang'd a little, till we can make better Provision in the Case.

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